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The community facilities of any community are often indicative of its general economic health and vigor. The facilities of a community provided for its citizens play an important role in the progressive growth and sustained economic well-being which is necessary to the community. Not only are such facilities as parks and recreational areas, schools, public buildings, and public utilities vital to the existing residents, but prospective industry wishing to locate in the area place high priority on such services before making their final decision. Illustration 15 shows the location of all the existing community facilities in the Village.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities

Community Park - The park is located at Nemaha and Third Streets east of the Central Business District, and has an area of approximately 2.1 acres. It is the only major park in the community. Its recreation facilities include sand box, benches, six picnic tables, drinking fountain, two swing sets, one slide, one shelter house, and a platform. It is a very nicely wooded area, and is widely used by the people in the Village.

Ball Park - This is a lighted athletic field located at the southern part of the Village with an area of about 3.0 acres. It is equipped with baseball diamond and bleachers. The park can be used for baseball, softball, touch football and volley ball activities.

Playground - The children's playground is located at the Firth Grade School, and is about 2.3 acres. It is designed for the school children and is not intended nor adequate for the whole community.

Other Recreation Facilities - Since limited recreation facilities are available, some people have taken advantage of facilities outside the community, such as the Wagon Train Lake in Hickman, movie theaters, and golf courses in Lincoln and Beatrice, which are within easy driving distance.

Park and Recreation Standards

The following park and recreation standards are designed for the needs of the Village. These standards are derived from the National Standards, and the standards recommended by the Nebraska Game, Forestation and Park Commission:

1. Recreation Land Needs...2.5 acres per 100 persons.